

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): (a) Drainage in Ernakulam needs improvement.

(b) and (c) No. But Government have taken steps to get the services of an expert to look into the matter and prepare a drainage scheme for Ernakulam and Mattancheri.

Mr. L. M. Pylee (*Latin Christians-Ernakulam*): Who was the Expert appointed? Has he been appointed?

Mr. President: The Madras Government have very kindly permitted their Executive Engineer in the Public Health Department to help us to prepare a scheme.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. പി. കണ്ണപിള്ള: ജനങ്ങളുടെ അഭിപ്രായം അനുസരിച്ച് അദ്ദേഹം നടക്കാനല്ല; ജനങ്ങളുടെ അഭിപ്രായം അദ്ദേഹത്തെ അറിയിക്കാനുള്ള ഒരു സെലക്ഷൻ ഉണ്ടാക്കി കൊടുക്കാനാണ് ഞാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നത്.

Mr. President: To prepare a drainage scheme the Expert will take into consideration the geographical position and the various features and the lie of the land and it is not necessary for him to take the opinion of the people. He is such a competent Expert that we can depend upon him to take all necessary action before the report is prepared.

ANCHAL OFFICE AT THE WILLINGDON ISLAND.

12. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government has investigated into the possibility of having an Anchal Office on the Willingdon Island as promised in reply to a supplementary question No: 401 given by the Government in the Legislative Council Meeting on 30th March 1939;

(b) if so, the final decision in the matter?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) There is no scope for an Anchal Office at the Willingdon Island at present. The question will be considered if Anchal facilities are found necessary later on.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Do the Harbour Authorities use anchal stamps now?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): We have no information. I am told that they are using postage stamps.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): For correspondence inside the State and Travancore why not they use anchal stamps?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): We cannot compel them. Moreover, there is not much correspondence within the State.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Have we not correspondence with British India and Travancore?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes. We have.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellyi*): Are we not using our stamps for correspondence inside Cochin and Travancore?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Suppose somebody posts a letter with anchal stamp affixed to the Harbour Engineer. Will the Ernakulam Anchal Office deliver it there?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes.

FINANCIAL HELP—KALLAI ISHNIKKA.

13. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any petition from one കല്ലായി ഇഷ്ണിക്ക, വടതല ഭരതം, അഞ്ഞൂറ വിലേക്ക്, തലപ്പിള്ളി താവുക praying for help to reconstruct and rethatch his house which was burnt by fire;

(b) will the Government be pleased to give the date of receiving the petition from കല്ലായി ഇഷ്ണിക്ക;

(c) whether Government has given any aid to the petitioner till now?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to (a).

AGRICULTURAL LOANS—REPAYMENT OF.

14. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*). Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of years and number of instalments by which a ryot has to clear the agricultural loan he has borrowed from the Government;

(b) if the answer to sub-division (a) is that the period is below 20 years, will the Government be pleased to increase the instalments of all existing loans and future loans to 20 years and to reduce each instalment as equal instalments including interest and without enhancing the present rate for Agricultural loans and to collect on the same principle of the collection of the Land Mortgage Bank Loans?